

(Applause, the Members rising.)

Mr. YOUNG. Congratulations, Madam Speaker.

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS

The SPEAKER. According to precedent, the Chair will swear in the Members-elect en masse.

The Members-elect will rise and raise their right hands.

The Members-elect rose, and the Speaker administered the oath of office to them as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now Members of the 116th Congress.

MAJORITY LEADER

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, as chairman of the Democratic Caucus, I have been directed to report to the House that the Democratic Members have selected as majority leader the distinguished gentleman from Maryland, the Honorable STENY HOYER.

MINORITY LEADER

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, as chairman of the Republican Conference, I have been directed to report to the House that the Republican Members have selected as minority leader the gentleman from California, the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY.

MAJORITY WHIP AND ASSISTANT SPEAKER

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, as chairman of the Democratic Caucus, I have been directed to report to the House that the Democratic Members have selected as majority whip the distinguished gentleman from South Carolina, the Honorable JAMES E. CLYBURN, and that we also have selected as our Assistant Speaker, the distinguished gentleman from New Mexico, the Honorable BEN RAY LUJÁN.

MINORITY WHIP

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, as chairman of the House Republican Conference, I have been directed to report to the House that the Republican Members have selected as minority whip the gentleman from Louisiana, the Honorable STEVE SCALISE.

ELECTING OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1

Resolved, That Karen L. Haas of the State of Maryland, be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives.

That Paul D. Irving of the State of Florida be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives.

That Philip George Kiko of the State of Ohio be, and is hereby, chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

That Father Patrick J. Conroy of the State of Oregon be, and is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Ms. CHENEY) for the purpose of offering an amendment.

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I have an amendment to the resolution, but before offering the amendment, I request that there be a division of the question on the resolution so that we may have a separate vote on the Chaplain.

The SPEAKER. The question will be divided.

The question is on agreeing to that portion of the resolution providing for the election of the Chaplain.

That portion of the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MS. CHENEY

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I offer an amendment to the remainder of the resolution.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Ms. CHENEY:

That Barrett Karr of the State of Texas be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives;

That James Min of the State of California be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives; and

That Bill Hughes of the State of South Dakota be, and is hereby, chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Wyoming.

The amendment was rejected.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the remainder of the resolution offered by the gentleman from New York.

The remainder of the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will now swear in the officers of the House: Karen L. Haas, Paul D. Irving, Phillip George Kiko, and Patrick J. Conroy.

The officers presented themselves in the well of the House and took the oath of office as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental

reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations.

RECESS

MR. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the House stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the House will stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 3 p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LANGEVIN) at 3 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.

CONGRATULATING THE HON. JAMES LANGEVIN ON BEING SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, if the Speaker and the House would give me leave, let me say how proud I am to see Mr. LANGEVIN presiding over the House of Representatives; how proud I am that we have made a reasonable accommodation, so somebody like JIM LANGEVIN from Rhode Island, whose character and intellect has commended him to the electorate of Rhode Island to send him to the House of Representatives; how proud I am that we made a reasonable accommodation in the House of Representatives so that Mr. LANGEVIN, as he properly should have the ability to do, preside over the House of Representatives.

Congratulations, Mr. LANGEVIN, for your courage and your leadership and your extraordinary example.

TO INFORM THE SENATE THAT A QUORUM OF THE HOUSE HAS ASSEMBLED AND OF THE ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER AND THE CLERK

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 2

Resolved, That the Senate be informed that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled; that Nancy Pelosi, a Representative from the State of California, has been elected Speaker; and that Karen L. Haas, a citizen of the State of Maryland, has been elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress.